

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13-16, 31, and 32 are pending in the application. In this Response, claims 33-45 have been cancelled.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4, 13-16, 31, and 32 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 33-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that as claims 33-45 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 33-35, 37-39, and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,157,068 (hereinafter "Li"). Claims 36 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Li. Claim 42 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Li in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,596,187 (hereinafter "Coll").

Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that as claims 33-45 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot.

Conclusion

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below if any issues remain in this matter, or if a discussion regarding any portion of the application is desired by the Examiner.

As claims 33-45 have been cancelled and claims 1-4, 13-16, 31, and 32 are allowed by the Examiner, a Notice of Allowance is expeditiously requested.


In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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